

Reveries quite well in health
Thank God I am
6 July 1881

My dear Thomas

I did not write ^{it}, nor do I know who did. I have not even read it. It is all painful to me; and he has not left me a book or the slightest memorandum. I am cut to the quick about it.

His books, with books by auction — most ^{of} them were ruined — I mean the rare English ones, ~~that I had~~

His elder brother, the Colonel, is now in this immediate ~~vicinity~~ vicinity.

~~His~~ His widow, my niece, will be very well provided for

Yours most sincerely

J. Payne Collier

The death was instantaneous & painless. My eyes are rather suddenly failing me, worse than ever — 92³/₄

My dear friend
8 July 1871

My dear friend

I have not yet
received your letter of the 21st. I am
sorry to hear that you are
ill. I hope you will soon
be able to write to me again.

The body with which
I am now working is very
different from the one
which I was working with
before. It is much more
sensitive and more
difficult to handle.

Yours most sincerely
J. Edgar Smith

The work was interrupted
by the illness of the
assistant. I am sorry to
hear that you are ill.